Is It Appropriate to Give Money or Gifts to Doctors?

Is it a way of life for you to constantly drive more than 10 km/h over the legal limit, to transport more people than is allowed in the car's registration certificate, or to not wear a seat belt?

 Correct answer: No — Explanation: If you are not in the habit of breaking traffic rules — such as exceeding the speed limit, transporting more people than is permitted, or wearing a seatbelt — this shows that you want to live in accordance with the practical righteousness required by the Kingdom of God. According to Romans 13:1-2, authorities are appointed by God, and their laws must be obeyed. Driving responsibly means:

• Respect for your life and the lives of those around you.

• Obedience to God, who calls us to be disciplined and honest.

• A transformed heart that does not seek excuses for disobedience.

A child of God does not habitually live in violation of the law, but seeks to be an example of righteousness, care, and obedience. This shows that he desires to live in accordance with the righteousness required by God.

 Wrong answer: Yes — Explanation: If you have made breaking traffic rules — such as exceeding the legal speed limit, transporting more people than is allowed in the registration certificate, or not wearing a seat belt — a way of life, this reflects an attitude of disregard for the law, for your own life and that of others, but especially a heart that is not obedient to God. This attitude:

• Contradicts the biblical teaching in Romans 13, which calls us to submit to the authorities appointed by God.

• Is a form of disobedience, incompatible with the life of one born of God, who, having a heart sensitive to sin through the work of the Holy Spirit, loves what is right and turns away from lawlessness. It may seem like a minor detail, but it reflects a heart that is not attentive to God's will in matters that require submission to authority.

Taking the driver's license exam implies a clear commitment: that we will obey traffic rules and drive responsibly. Deliberately breaking these rules, after we have committed to obey them, is not only a violation of the law, but also a lack of integrity before God and man.

If Lord Jesus were alive today, He would never deliberately drive illegally. If He had obtained a driver's license, He would not have ignored traffic rules, because His life was characterized by complete obedience— both to God and to the laws of men, as long as they did not contradict the divine will. He lived in holiness and respect for all legitimate authority, giving us a perfect model to follow.

Therefore, the disciple who is determined to live like his Teacher cannot live in compromise or indifference to the law. To follow Christ means to live with a clear conscience, attentive to the will of God.

Therefore, neglecting these "things that seem small" is a form of rejection of Christ's commands and a sign that the Holy Spirit does not dwell and work in that heart. If you consider yourself a believer for years and live that way, it is questionable whether the new life has truly begun.

If the church you belong to tolerates disobedience to the authorities appointed by God, this is a clear sign of spiritual erring. Where Christ is not recognized as Head, the body is lifeless.

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